



New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

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Dear Licensees,

In the continued response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Lujan Grisham has amended the existing Public Health Orders. A copy of the July 13, 2020 Order is available on the home page of the ABC Division website.

Pursuant to the latest Order, restaurants may remain open for take-out or delivery of food. Restaurants may provide sit down dine-in service in outdoor seating areas, provided that tables are six feet apart with no more than six patrons at a single table, and ensuring compliance with the COVID-Safe Practices (CSPs) for Restaurants section of "All Together New Mexico: COVID-Safe Practices for Individuals and Employers." All dine in services are prohibited for indoor seating areas at this time.

Small Breweries may remain open for package take-out service, and may provide "on-premises" sit down service in outdoor seating areas, provided that tables are six feet apart and have no more than six patrons at a single table. Small brewers must comply with New Mexico COVID-Safe Practices for Small Brewers.

Wineries and craft distillers may remain open for package take-out service. Those wineries and craft distillers that qualify as a restaurant under the Public Health Order (50% of annual sales derived from the sale of food in the last calendar year) may provide dine-in service in outdoor seating areas, provided that tables are six feet apart and no more than six patrons at a single table, and compliance with the COVID-Safe Practices (CSPs) for Restaurants section of "All Together New Mexico: COVID-Safe Practices for Individuals and Employers." All other services are prohibited in indoor seating areas at this time.

Establishments that are operating as bars, nightclubs, or fraternal clubs remain closed pursuant to the existing Public Health Orders.

For those licensees that wish to temporarily expand their outdoor patio space, ABC is offering a no-cost temporary change of floor plan application. This application is on the ABC website. You will be required to show your existing floor plan and any proposed changes. You will also need the approval of your Local Option District (LOD), especially if you are extending patio space into publicly controlled areas and to ensure ADA and zoning compliance.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience through these difficult times. Let's all be safe for each other, and take all the measures possible to stop the spread of this dangerous virus.

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